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THE CASTILIAN PRINCESS. A TRADITION OF SPANISH HISTORY.

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Lov. Here is a wonder if you talk of a wonder, how And so it is! I wonder what it bodes. Per. Marry, peace it bodes, and love and quiet life, An awful tale, and right enough, my dear. And, to be short, what not, that's sweet and happy.

In one of the apartments of the palace of the Castilian monarch, sumptuously furnished according to the taste of a magnificent though barbarous age, a young girl, about sixteen years old, was reclining in a large cushioned chair surrounded by several attendants. Her beauty, though yet undeveloped into perfect maturity, was of a most rare and surpassing order. Her figure was above the ordinary, yet so exquisitely moulded that its symmetry was absolutely faultless, and the grace of every movement would have inspired the coldest critic with admiration. Her rounded arm was bare and half covered with bracelets, and the white hand that supported her head glittered with jewels. The face united the characteristics of Northern and Southern beauty; its almost infantile delicacy and fairness of complexion were set off by a pair of magnificent dark eyes, so brilliant that their light would have been too intense but for the heavy fringe of the long black lashes that rested on the transparent cheek. Only the small mouth revealed, in its compression and a habitual slight curl of the rosy lips, the pride and self-will that distinguished the lady Isabel, Princess of Castile.

One of the ladies in attendance was busied in fastening a wreath of flowers, kneeling the while at the feet of the princess; another held a lute, but her drooping head and flushed cheeks showed that she had been chagrined by some petulant expression of her mistress. The royal maiden was indeed accustomed to yield unbounded indulgence to any capricious humor of the moment without regard to the feelings of her inferiors—not that she was by nature cruel or ungenerous, but from infancy she had known no law but her own will, and dreamed of no pleasure save the gratification of any momentary whim. The king, her father, had left her to the charge of self-interested governesses, satisfied with seeing his only daughter growing more beautiful every day, and with hearing her praises sung by all the poets of the court. Living in an atmosphere of flattery, accustomed to see those about her devoted altogether to her services and making her pleasure their rule of life, what wonder that the youthful princess—endowed with loveliness unrivalled even in that clime of beauty—should be haughty, capricious and imperious?

"Take up thy lute, Leila," said Isabel, languidly, "and if thou hast not to sing, go away, for I love not sullen looks."

The maiden obeyed, and withdrew in silence.

"The princess turned to another of the ladies in waiting."

"What, then, Sybilla!" cried she, impatiently, "am I to lack diversion, because one of you is forward? Hast thou no legend this evening?"

"I pray your highness pardon," answered the favorite, "but let me first ask forgiveness for our poor Leila. Your frown hath made her sad."

"She deserved the chiding, else she had not received it," returned the princess. "Come, to thy tale."

"Shall it be of unrequited love and Don Fernando?" asked the maiden, archly.

"Thou art but too bold, girl!" but a smile disarmed the reproof of its severity.

"Or of Don Roy of Alva, who has sighed so long in vain?"

"Or of the handsome cavalier Alonzo?" interposed the lady Clara.

"See, how her highness curls her lip!" cried another.

"Or of the Prince of Aragon, or Henry of France, or Prince Julian, or a hundred others?" said Sybilla; "in sooth, the chronicle would serve to record the fate of every one; they worshiped the bright star of Castile, were scorned and rejected. Isabel, the beautiful—Isabel, the cruel—adorned by all, disdaining all."

An exclamation of "Silence!" from the princess interrupted the speaker. "No more of this!" she exclaimed, frowning and waving her hand disdainfully. "And you can devise me no better entertainment, I will go and bear my solemn father company in his audience to the embassy from Navarre!"

tion to her amusement, the princess refused to receive him. This was an act of contumely against her father's authority, inasmuch as the minister had come by the royal order; but the lady divined the purpose of his visit to be the customary one of a proposal for her hand, and made no scruple of denying him audience.

"That the king was displeased at this bold act was soon evident. The page returned almost immediately, announcing a visit from the monarch himself."

"The effect produced by this will be understood by any reader familiar with the strict etiquette of the Spanish court in that semi-barbarous age. The rights of a parent over a child at that time were those of a master, and scarcely limited in regard to the disposal of a daughter in marriage. If any father could compel his child to wed whom he pleased, how much was the power enlarged in the case of the monarch, when motives of state policy required him to consult his own will alone without reference to her inclinations! Princess Isabel well knew that she held her independence only by sufferance from her sire, and that the imperious scorn with which she had hitherto treated all her suitors had been tolerated only because it was not deemed necessary as yet to compel her to submission. But as usual with the spoiled and wayward, the self-willed obstinacy of her impetuous nature was strengthened by indulgence. Of late, from certain mysterious cabinet audiences and hints thrown out by her father she had been led to fear that it was his intention to bestow her hand on some favored applicant; but she determined to resist to the last. It was thus with no little dread that she awaited the royal visit."

With a beating heart and flushed cheek, but with the most resolute determination expressed in her beautiful face, the princess rose to receive her father. The ladies in attendance stood silent and embarrassed, looking upon their mistress and one another in evident anticipation of something unusual.

"The king entered. His daughter advanced to meet him with so much dignity and grace, that the frown upon his brow relaxed and he embraced her with apparently as much affection as admiration. This semblance of relenting was plainly not unnoticed by the princess. She recovered all her wonted staidness and self-possession as she led the king to a seat and stood by his side, etiquette not permitting her to sit in the presence of the sovereign."

"Dismiss your ladies, Isabel," said the king. At a sign from their mistress the attendants withdrew."

"I have reason for displeasure, my daughter, at your refusal, but now to grant an audience to the minister. Your girlish folly hath been humored too long."

"The princess stood with arms folded and head drooped on her bosom, as if submissive to the reproof."

"But much may be pardoned if you are gentle and docile henceforward, as becometh a daughter of Castile."

Isabel raised her dark eyes for an instant to her father's face, then fixed them again upon the ground. After a pause the king resumed abruptly:

"Your hand hath been sought in marriage by the king of Navarre."

"The princess answered not a word."

"He is honorable both as a man and a prince—the sovereign of a prosperous country—and fame speaks highly of his knightly accomplishments. Such a son-in-law is well pleasing to me."

"The king started and looked in surprise at his daughter; she burst into a most musical laugh."

"And my royal father has come hither to sing me the praises of this love sick prince!" cried she with a curl of her beautiful lip.

"No, Isabel; but to announce the will of thy sire and sovereign."

"That I should be wedded—and to this king of Navarre!"

"Aye, it is so. I expect from thee only obedience."

Again the princess laughed, and there was scorn and defiance in her mirth."

"I will please myself," she said, haughtily, "in the choice of a husband; and I choose not Navarre, nor any other prince I know of. In sooth, my father, I will not marry at all!"

"Now by the rood, but this obstinacy shall not be suffered!" cried the monarch, angrily.

"Tell me, foolish girl, dost thou know that if it should please heaven to call me hence my kingdom would descend to a kinsman, and thou be left without a protector?"

"I know it all!" responded the resolute princess.

"Darest thou refuse obedience to my command both as a sovereign and a parent?"

"I do, if your command be that I shall wed who doth not please me!"

"Forward girl, thou hast never seen Henry of Navarre!"

"I know that he would not please me, nevertheless, if chosen by another."

Isabel, dost thou thy disobedience is treason?"

"I care not if it be!"

"The king restrained his anger no longer: he started to his feet and strode rapidly across the room, his brow contracted and crimsoned, his hand mechanically grasped the handle of his sword. Suddenly stopping before Isabel, he grasped her arm, forcibly."

thus! Begone, sir! Not only do I refuse obedience to your unjust commands—not only do I defy your power—but I banish you from my presence as a false knight and a discourteous gentleman!"

All the spirit of her Castilian ancestors was in the face of the princess as she spoke. Her form was drawn up to its utmost height; the veins on her beautiful neck were swollen; her arm was stretched out with a gesture of repulsion, her breast heaved and her eyes flashed fire. The king left the room without uttering a word. Some moments of silence passed, then the extended arm of Isabel fell to her side and she threw herself upon a seat, while her ladies thronged about her, trembling and confused, though they knew not what had happened. About a quarter of an hour thus elapsed, when the door was thrown open and an officer appeared. Two of the guard, in their well-known uniform, were seen behind him. He advanced into the centre of the room and made a profound obeisance.

"Lady," said he, addressing the princess, "I am come by order of his majesty to conduct you hence."

"The attendants shrieked; Isabel alone was calm. Bidding her women be silent, she demanded what the officer meant by this intrusion."

"I crave your highness pardon," answered he, "but the king hath commanded your arrest."

"Sayest thou?" returned the princess, her eyes flashing indignation, though her cheek grew pale.

"My arrest!"

"Even so, lady; you may not gainsay the will of his majesty."

"I refuse to go with you."

"I entreat your highness, constrain us not to use force."

"Force! Now by the saints! Well—the deeper shame be on him! You are but the slaves of a tyrant. Lead on!"

The officer led the way to the door; several of the ladies followed their mistress. He bade them remain.

"May not these go with me?" asked Isabel.

"No, lady; his majesty's orders were that you should be alone."

"Alone! Well, he shall rue this anon!"

And proudly elevating her head, the royal maiden went forth, with step as haughty as if she walked to a banquet.

CHAPTER II.

It was night, and Isabel was alone in her dungeon. The gloomy stone wall looked still more dismal by the dim light of a single lamp that hung from the ceiling, and the rude bench on which the prisoner was seated contrasted strangely with the luxury and splendor by which she had been surrounded. The cold air crept through the low vault and chilled her limbs. She had been weeping bitterly; her head leaned upon her hands; her long, glossy black hair, from which the jewels had been removed, streamed wildly over her shoulders. A coarse cloak of serge had been thrown around her person, but it scarce sufficed to shield her from the dampness of her new abode.

The key was turned in the door; it was opened with a creaking sound, and an old man entered, bearing a loaf of bread and a pitcher of water. He placed them upon the floor close to the prisoner, and was moving slowly away when she started up and called him to stop. He turned and surveyed her with an expression of compassion.

"Whoever you are," cried the princess, earnestly, "tell me—what meaneth all this?"

"Alas, daughter!" answered the savior, "question me not."

"Old man, I command thee to answer. How long is it my father's pleasure that I shall remain in this fearful place?"

"Until the morrow."

"The morrow! And he hopes thus to terrify me, like a forward child, into obedience?"

"Yes, lady, he hopes—nothing more."

"Then why send me hither?"

"Seek not to know—till the hour—"

"Speak, vassal! The princess bids thee!"

"The king hath given orders for thy execution."

"The princess uttered a cry and sank back upon the bench. A faintness came over her; she gasped for breath, but she struggled against the weakness and overcame it."

"Thou art mocking me," at length, she replied. "The king could not slay his only child."

"Alas! princess," answered the old man, "the king hath borne much—more than hath becometh his dignity and his child's good. He delivers now his daughter unto the axe, because he fears his own life may be periled by her violence, should his weak mercy spare her. The safety of his people doth outweigh parental feeling with the king."

With those words the old man left the cell, closing the door after him. Isabel, pale and shuddering scarce able to comprehend all the horror of what she heard, remained alone. For the first time in her young life, a hopeless agony took possession of her soul. The idea of death—near and inevitable death—terrible as it was, gradually engrossed her appalled thoughts. Her brain was bewildered; the dungeon seemed to expand into a desert even more frightful from its utter loneliness. The terror, the anguish she endured proved too much for her exhausted powers. She slipped from the rude seat and sank upon the ground in a state of insensibility.

CHAPTER III.

How long Isabel lay in the awoken could not be distinctly ascertained. She was roused by feeling the touch of a warm hand upon her own, and some one lifted her from the ground and held a

cup of wine to her lips. In a few minutes she opened her eyes. A face well known was bending over her; it was that of a youth who had formerly been in her service as page, but whom she had treated with harshness often, and at length dismissed on account of some capricious displeasure. Though conscious of injustice, pride had afterwards prevented her restoring him to his place.

"Is it thou, Castilio?" asked the princess, faintly. And as recollection returned, she felt a sudden emotion of shame at being succored, in this extremity, by one she had so deeply injured. She waved her hand in token that he should depart.

"Pardon, lady," replied the youth, "if I dare this once to disobey you. Listen to me: I lack but an hour of dawn. At sunrise, so hath the king decreed, you are to be brought forth to suffer death—to lay your head upon the block. I come to save you from this doom. Will you trust me?"

Isabel clasped her hands. "Speak—speak!" she murmured.

"The page continued in a hurried whisper, 'I have gained over the goaler by gold; he will suffer you to pass forth. Here is a mantle, cast it round you, and let me guide you out of the prison. Beyond the walls are horses ready; I will conduct you to the borders, and when you have reached Navarre you must remain in concealment till pursuit is over.'"

A silent look expressed the gratitude of the princess. Thus awakened to new hope she wrapped herself in the mantle, and gave her hand to her deliverer, who led her from the dungeon, making a sign to the goaler as they passed. Without speaking a word, the page assisted the lady to mount one of the horses that stood without and himself mounted the other. Before they broke they were far on the road to Navarre. No time was allowed even for refreshment till they had passed the borders of Castile. Then Castilio helped the princess, who was nearly exhausted with fatigue, to dismount, who offered her water from a clear spring that gushed under the shadow of a forest tree.

"Your highness will now," he said, "for the sake of security, put on the peasant's dress I have brought in this bundle. I will retire and keep watch meanwhile."

"The exchange was soon made, and the fair and high-born lady arrayed herself in garments coarse enough for the lowliest peasant's daughter. Having bound up the luxurious abundance of her raven hair, the disguise was complete. Isabel rolled together the costly robes she had so lately worn and threw them into a deep ditch near by; then putting in her pocket a purse containing a few silver coins, which had been in the bundle given her by the page, she went again to the place where she had left him."

What was her amazement—her terror, when she saw nothing either of Castilio or the horses! She called his name loudly, and sought him in every direction, in vain; and the conviction at length came upon her that she was forsaken by her only friend."

CHAPTER IV.

The unfortunate girl had no resource but to sit down and weep over her abandonment and the hard fate to which she seemed destined. But by degrees came more consoling thoughts. Was she not happier thus free, though destitute and alone, than in prison and doomed to an ignominious death? Perhaps Castilio might not willingly have deserted her; he might have feared pursuit and wished to mislead it, perchance even now pursuers were on his track, and he was leading them far from her. She shuddered and strove to fly; but whether? Hunger now overcame her; for several hours she had not tasted food. Weary and exhausted, she walked on, through the deep forest, not knowing whither the narrow path she followed would lead her. Ere long a welcome smoke appeared curling through the branches, and the rushing of water was heard. A hut stood beside the stream near a mill. Isabel listened to knock at the door, for want of sustenance had overpowered all dread. The door was opened by a stern-looking woman, who asked what was wanted?

"I have lost my way, good woman," answered Isabel, "and have come to seek shelter and food. I will reward you for the kindness."

Here she drew forth her slenderly stocked purse and offered it.

"The woman took the purse mechanically but surveyed her with curious and insolent looks."

"Thou art but too comely, maiden," she said, "to be thus wandering alone, and few would give shelter to such. Hast thou no kinsfolk or friends?"

"None in Navarre," answered the young girl.

"What dost thou here? Thou art, I perceive, a Castilian."

"I came to seek friends, who are dead," answered Isabel, bewildered and trembling, and not knowing what to say.

"Wouldst thou return to Castile?"

"Not now."

"Wouldst thou stay with me and work in the mill?"

"Oh, yes, if it please thee, good woman."

"Yet, beshrew me, mine hands betray thine idleness. Well, thou mayst come in; I will give thee a trial."

Gladly did the poor maiden avail herself of this ungracious invitation. Thankfully did she partake of the coarse repast set forth by the inhospitable hostess. Earnestly did she apply herself to the labor assigned her though the tasks were indeed, awkwardly executed, and she received all words and blame continually in reward for her efforts. Sometimes the spirit of her ancestors rose in her cheek, and flashed in her eye, and her heart swelled as she thought of all she had

lost, but she dared not murmur not even look indignation when the eyes of her mistress were upon her.

It would have been strange if with all this humiliation, reflection and repentance had not come also. While the harsh words of the miller's dame sounded in her ears, she thought of those who had so long borne uncomplaining her childish petulance. Was the dame cruel in abusing her power, and exacting tasks beyond the strength of a delicate girl? how much more cruel had been the injustice of the haughty princess—when she had so often for some idle whim inflicted injury and disgrace on her devoted servants, and had openly insulted her father and sovereign."

One day, while Isabel sat in her little chamber, she heard the tramp of horses approaching the cottage, and soon perceived from the windows a small body of soldiers in the Castilian uniform. Her heart sank within her. The soldiers halted before the door and the leader dismounted and entered. Every word uttered could be distinctly heard by the trembling girl."

The officer, for such he seemed, said he had been sent into Navarre by the monarch of Castile to search for the Princess Isabel, who had fled from her home and country and hidden herself somewhere in Navarre. He described accurately her person and the dress she had worn."

The dame answered that she had seen no one answering the description. The officer retired, and the troop in a few moments rode away. Relieved from her terror, the maiden hastened to her unfinished task."

Thus several days passed. One evening, just before sunset, a carriage stopped before the miller's cottage, and a servant in livery asked for a cup of milk for Donna Clara, his mistress. Isabel bore the refreshment to the lady, who, richly dressed, reclined within the carriage. She took and drank it, then fixed her eyes long and curiously on the fair girl who presented it, and asked if she were the daughter of the miller's dame."

"No, lady," answered the soft, musical voice of the disguised princess, "I am but a lonely maiden, and have no kindred."

"Wilt thou go with me and serve me?" asked the lady, languidly.

Isabel looked up. The speaker's face was fair and her voice gentle; the sight of her luxurious apparel also pleased the young fancy of the maiden."

"I will go, lady," she answered, "but first I must ask permission."

The lady smiled as Isabel returned into the hut. Presently the surly dame came forth and willingly gave her consent to parting with her charge; adding that she had found her labor not worth the bread she consumed."

The maiden obeyed the order of her new mistress, to seat herself on a cushion at her feet and hold her pet lap-dog, and the carriage rolled away. It was long after dark before it stopped at the gate of a magnificent villa, not far from the capital of Navarre."

CHAPTER V.

The labors of our heroine were now indeed lightened, for her whole duty was to superintend the wardrobe of her protectress and dress her every day. But after a few days she wished herself again in the cottage by the mill. The capricious humors of the great lady were far more intolerable than the scolding and fault-finding of the low-born dame. In truth Isabel merited some blame in the performance of her tasks at the cottage, but not here, for her taste was exquisite and she exerted herself to the utmost to please the fastidious Donna Clara."

She felt now, with the most bitter compunction, how thoughtless and cruel she had been in her treatment of dependants while she enjoyed the state of an illustrious princess, and resolved never again to abuse her power should she be restored to her birthright."

Alas! the hope was but faint in her heart! She one day heard her patroness speak of affairs at the court of Castile, and say how fierce was the anger of the monarch against his daughter, and how he had proclaimed a reward for any who would bring her to him, alive or dead. The poor maiden trembled as she heard, made some excuse for retiring to her own chamber, to weep there in solitude."

Not long after, the daughter of Donna Clara, the lady Philippa, returned home from the convent where she had been educated. She had some beauty, but was even more vain and imperious than her august mother. Isabel had a double penance to endure. Sometimes her patience almost gave way, but she remembered that her very life depended on the protection of her tormentors."

"To-morrow," said Donna Clara to the young girl, "Don Gomez de Silva will arrive at the castle. His father and my deceased husband were friends; and betrothed our children when Don Gomez was but ten—Philippa four years of age. He comes now to see his bride for the first time and fix the day of their nuptials. I commit to thee the care of my daughter's toilet. Acquit thyself well, and thou shalt receive a bridal present. Nay, who knows but he may bestow thee on his master of the horse!"

The blood rushed to the brow of the disguised princess at these words. "Sooner will I die," she exclaimed, scornfully, "than wed one beneath me!"

"In sooth," answered Donna Clara, smiling, "thou speakest with as much disdain as the haughty shrew of the castle, Princess Isabel, who held herself a goddess, and who, it is said, bade her own father begone from her presence!" Isabel dared not reply but hid her shame and sorrow in her own breast."

The next day both ladies were arrayed in rich attire, and decked with the utmost skill of their

tasteful hand-maiden. Donna Clara then bade her retire and adorn herself likewise to be in readiness to serve the coming guests.

This was the hardest trial for poor Isabel. To appear as a menial in the presence of men. She sat in a chamber absorbed in melancholy reflection, till an attendant came to say it was the pleasure of her mistress she should bear a cup of wine to the newly arrived Don Gomez.

Again her cheeks were crimsoned. She to whom kings had knelt, degraded to such service. But she did not refuse. Filling a silver goblet with wine she bore it, with downcast eyes and pensive looks, but with a dignity of mien of which no humiliation could deprive her, to the apartment where Don Gomez reclined upon a velvet couch.

The young noble took the goblet, merely uttering a few words of courteous thanks. The tones of his voice startled the maiden. She lifted her eyes from the ground; they rested an instant on his handsome face; she trembled violently, and tears chased each other down her pale cheeks.

CHAPTER VI.

From that moment the proud nature of Isabel was changed. She now felt a joy—a pain—she had never known before. She felt that one existed upon earth to whom her soul could bow in willing submission. How different was he from all others who had laid their homage at her feet.

To know him betrothed to another filled her with grief; to know that he was to wed the soulless, frivolous, cold, violent Philippa, was a still more bitter thought, for she well knew such a bride could never make Don Gomez happy.

Why did not such a man appear among all the suitors for his hand? she often asked herself. Or if there is no prince like him, why was not I born a simple maiden? Blessed with his love I should never sigh for royalty.

Could Don Gomez divine what passed in the heart of Isabel? Perchance; for in her presence he seemed to forget all but her, even his betrothed, the lady Philippa.

The hour of confession came at last. Don Gomez threw himself at the feet of the lovely maiden and avowed his love. He had already, he said, informed Donna Clara and her daughter of his feelings; they had relinquished all claim upon his hand. He implored Isabel to become his wife.

For one moment did she hesitate; she thought not of the state she was renouncing forever, but of her father. Love triumphed. In silence she gave her hand to her beloved. He pressed it again and again to his lips and pledged to her his eternal faith. That night, in the stillness and solemnity of the hour sacred to prayer, the lovers met in the chapel of the castle, where the priest, with a few faithful friends, awaited them. Their hands were joined in marriage. Soon as the nuptial benediction was pronounced they departed, carriages being in readiness for the Count de Silva.

The castle was surrounded by a deep forest and was inviting to the eye neither in its exterior nor its interior aspect. It was occupied only by Donna Inez, the mother of Don Gomez, who dwelt there with a few numerous retainers of servants. The fond bridegroom had owned to Isabel that he belonged to the class of nobles who could boast no great extent of possessions, but she was not prepared for actual poverty. When she first entered the desolate castle and saw the rooms so bare and ill-furnished, her heart sank within her. She looked with mingling on the old-fashioned and scanty dress of her mother-in-law, but the next moment she remembered that this was the home of her chosen lord, and contentment returned to her heart.

The table was but ill-provided, save when Gomez brought home game from the forest, and the sounds of festivity were heard in those grey old walls. But Isabel soon learned to wish for nothing save the love of the one to whom she had given her heart. She busied herself in arraying the dusty pictures and furniture with more taste and effect; gathered fresh flowers and wove them into a head dress; sang her cheerful songs; and so charmed the soul of Gomez with her grace and loveliness and winning vivacity, that he loved her every day more deeply. Sometimes when she thought of her forsaken parent a shadow would come over her face, and sometimes her heart would swell when Donna Inez murmured at her son's choice of an obscure maiden for his wife; but the cloud would soon pass away and she strove so earnestly to gain the love of the stately dowager, that her gentleness and care were rewarded with complete success. Don Gomez was often from home for days together, and during his absence Isabel learned to embroider and weave, and to assist her mother-in-law in housewifery duties.

The conversation sometimes fell upon the subject of the young king of Navarre. The young wife heard praises of the manly dignity of the monarch, but never regretted that she had rejected him to become the wife of an obscure noble. Nevertheless, she had some curiosity to see one of whom she had heard so much.

CHAPTER VII.

One day, while Isabel and Donna Inez sat at their embroidery, their ears were suddenly startled by the blasts of trumpets, and soon after tramping of horses were heard. A body of cavaliers, splendidly dressed, with waving plumes and jeweled caps, was seen rapidly approaching the castle.

"It is the king!" exclaimed Donna Inez. The two ladies stood by the window. The drawbridge was presently lowered and the knights rode into the court.

As the royal visitor dismounted at the gates, Donna Inez hastened from the room to make some change in her dress. Before Isabel could follow, the door was thrown open, and the king of Navarre stood before her.

With bland and graceful courtesy he apologized for his intrusion; begged permission to rest a few minutes with his followers at the castle of his well-beloved kinsman, Don Gomez de Silva; and added some expressions of surprise and admiration at the beauty of his wife, rumors of which had before reached the court.

Isabel blushed deeply, but from other feelings than mere embarrassment. She was astonished

to find the prince, whose proffered hand she had rejected so disdainfully, so noble in form and face. In his features and voice he bore a striking resemblance to her beloved Gomez. Like lightning the consciousness entered her heart, that had she seen the king before Don Gomez, she could have loved him.

Recovering her self-possession in a moment, she gave orders that suitable refreshment should be prepared for her guest and his attendants, and led the way to the collation with as much grace and dignity as to a superb royal banquet. The king placed himself at her side, offered her a cup of wine, and professed himself her devoted cavalier. He told her of the entertainments of the capital, and pressingly invited her to visit the court, of which she would be the brightest ornament. Isabel replied that she loved retirement and was little fitted to bear a part in the gorgeous pageantry of court life. The monarch smiled, but suddenly changed countenance. "Pardon me, noble lady," said he, mournfully, "but your face has filled me with sorrow. You resemble the lost Princess Isabel, of Castile. Alas! she is now dead. I loved her, and shall forever bear her image in my heart."

"Saw you ever the princess?" asked Isabel, scarce able to repress her agitation.

"Yes, lady. I visited her father's court in disguise, as one of my ambassador's suite, and saw her many times."

The tone of tender grief in which these words were uttered, touched Isabel to the soul. Tears which she could not repress, started to her eyes, and she rejoiced at that moment the bustle of the guests' departure enabled her to conceal her emotion. She received the parting compliments of the king with a stately bow, and when they had left the castle, retired to her own room and sought relief in tears. But she might now no longer indulge regret, and ere long, with recovered smiles, she descended to join Donna Inez.

Two or three days after this occurrence, upon the return of Don Gomez, Isabel was walking alone in the wood just behind the castle. She was startled by perceiving a stranger advance to meet her. Still greater was her surprise when she recognized the page Castalia. He knew her instantly and threw himself at her feet.

"Pardon, gracious lady," he cried, "for my seeming desertion. But my life was in danger, and I was forced to fly. The king your father knows that I aided your flight. But three days since he commanded me to repair to his presence."

"What said my father? Speak!" exclaimed Isabel.

"What I have to say, lady," answered the page, "must be said where none else can hear."

"We are safe here from intrusion," said the princess.

"It may please your highness," said the page, "to learn that the king, instead of being angry, thanked me for the service I had rendered in snatching you from his resentment. He bade me tell him what had befallen you, and I obeyed him; having discovered his first retreat and various adventures until your marriage. The king heard me and then said: 'Go and say to the princess, I am ready again to receive her as my daughter, if she will leave her husband, her union with whom, contracted without my consent, is null and void in law. The king of Navarre still loves her. Let her consent to wed him, and I will again love and bless her as my child.' His majesty then commanded me to hasten to you, lady, with this proposal. I will come tomorrow at this hour to receive your answer."

Sosaying, with a low obeisance, Castalia turned away, and was out of sight before the princess could speak. Agitated with conflicting feelings she returned to the castle.

The gray walls seemed to her more gloomy and prison-like than ever. Donna Inez was more sullen than usual, and replied harshly to some courteous words of her daughter-in-law. Even Don Gomez seemed abstracted, and his manner had less of tenderness than he had ever shown before.

Isabel felt troubled, she hardly knew why, as with a presentiment of coming ill. At length, after a long continued silence, she asked, looking up into her lord's face: "Couldst thou be happy, Gomez, if separated from me?"

Gomez moved not nor changed countenance as he replied: "Wert thou happier, beloved, than with me, I should wish thee to leave me. I should not blame thee, but ever mourn as for the dead."

Isabel flung her arms around the neck of her husband, and wept tears of love and joy on his bosom.

The next day she walked alone in the wood. The young page was waiting there.

"Say to my royal father," said she, "that his returning love and favor would make me unpeakably happy; but that not for all the crowns of earth would I forsake my husband, whom I love and honor more than all the world."

CHAPTER VIII.

A great entertainment was given by the King of Navarre. All the nobles of the land were invited; among them Don Gomez de Silva and his wife. The princess would have declined the invitation, fearful of being recognized by some one at the court, but her lord expressed so great a desire that she should go that both she and Donna Inez yielded to his wish. But Isabel had no dress suitable for her appearance in a circle so splendid and aristocratic.

"Thou wilt outshine in beauty and dignity, even in simple attire, all the ladies of the court," said Don Gomez in reply to this objection.

"My best adornment," returned Isabel, modestly, "is in the name I bear, as the wife of the bravest and noblest among men."

Yet it was not without a beating heart that the young wife found herself once more within the atmosphere of a court and surrounded by the luxury and pomp of royalty. A page conducted the three noble strangers into the great hall, where the aristocracy of the realm were assembled. A canopied seat was prepared for the monarch at the upper end.

Don Gomez having secured places for his wife and mother, left the hall. A few minutes later, a movement throughout the assemblage

announced the entrance of the king. He advanced to the centre, and, silence being commanded, declared to all present his intention of celebrating the occasion by the royal marriage. The lady who had been chosen to share the throne of Navarre was already, he said, in presence.

There was a pause of surprise and expectation. Who could be the fortunate fair one? but amazement was at its height when the courtly circle saw the monarch, passing by many high-born and beautiful dames, advance towards one who, notwithstanding her rare beauty, had hitherto been unnoticed from the simplicity of her attire.

"The crown, fair lady," said the king, addressing Isabel, "is at thy feet. Wilt thou deign to wear it and make happy one who loves thee?"

A flash crossed the brow of the princess, but it was the flush of indignation. "Your majesty is well aware," she replied, sternly, "that I am the wife of Don Gomez de Silva. Even were I not, I would not accept the hand of one who could in this unkingly manner woo the bride of another."

The king bowed low at the rebuke. "Thou wilt forgive me presently," he said. At the same moment the doors at the upper end of the hall were thrown open. Isabel saw advancing, superbly dressed, her husband, Don Gomez, and her father, the King of Castile.

"Thy trials are over, my daughter," said the Castilian monarch, after he had embraced again and again his long lost child. "Thou shalt learn anon, my Isabel, how all that hath befallen thee from first to last, was the device of parental love, aided by the wisdom of those who sought to root out the faults of thy noble nature. That is done, and thou art once more my beloved Isabel. Look up now, and see that in thy own despite, thou art Queen of Navarre."

The princess did look up. What meant that purple robe, that jeweled crown, adorning him she thought but the obscure Don Gomez? Why were all eyes, even those of him she had thought the king, fixed upon him? Why did he move toward the seat of sovereignty and place her by his side? The truth flashed upon her mind. Don Gomez was the true monarch of Navarre, who had won his bride in obscurity and poverty, and tried his love by a stratagem. Nobly had she stood the test. He who had personated the king was his brother.

The marriage was publicly solemnized the same day, and Isabel soon after crowned Queen of Navarre. Long did she share her husband's throne, and history does not record that she ever afterward deserved the title of 'the royal shrew.'

The above tradition is celebrated in some of the Spanish ballads. Rumpach has founded upon the same piece of history, a drama, called 'The School of Life.'

From the Boston Post.

THE FARMER AND MANUFACTURER.

Figures, Facts and Fair Play.—The turn of the farmer is now coming about, it is well stuck to the new tariff. The manufacturers have had great changes in the last twenty years. They are now well established in all the staple manufactures, and, if they will only let well enough alone, can continue to derive more profit from capital invested in that branch than in any other. They have their forty and fifty per cent. protection, and this, with the skill and experience they have, is ample to give them all reasonable profits. We rejoice in their prosperity as it has been, and as it will continue. We go for their interest to the whole extent that it can go consistent with the equal interests of all classes.

But we rejoice that the farmer, at last, has got a little chance. The reduction of tariffs in England and the United States has increased the value of the farmer's stock at least one hundred and seventy millions, and this, too, in his own hands, before it has been brought up by the speculators. Who will grudge over the success of the farmers?

For twenty years the farmer has hardly realized four per cent on his capital. The manufacturer complains that he cannot get forty per cent. Now if it were necessary to bring the manufacturer down to ten per cent in order to raise the farmer to ten per cent, would it be anything but fair? The farmers of the United States are as eighty-three out of a hundred of the population; the manufacturers but seven out of a hundred, including all handicraft. It would be better to make the eighty-three prosper than the seventeen, if we must choose. But it is not so. The one hundred and seventy millions increase of the property of the farmers will mainly go to buy the goods of the manufacturer. The wealth of the farmer will come to the east in exchange for our fabrics. The farmer will increase his consumption of manufactures in proportion of his increase of means, while the manufacturer cannot increase his consumption of the farmer's products, under a high tariff, to any great extent, for the simple reason that manufacturers are not men, and can eat no more than other men.

And as to this dogma of the home market to consume the farmer's products, it is as idle as it would be for the Boston water commissioner to establish a protective system to encourage the settlement of ants along the line of the Long Pond aqueduct to remove the earth that has got to be excavated! Here are five hundred millions of bushels of bread stuffs raised beyond all that can be eaten in the United States, if every man, woman and child should gorge twenty bushels a year, including the 751,000 manufacturers! And now, after eating twenty bushels apiece, are they going to swallow the five hundred millions of surplus?

And then, as to the increase of the mouths of manufacturers to consume the farmers' products in a home market. From 1820 to 1840, the whole change of relative employment in the United States has been only a decrease of three and a quarter per cent. in agriculture and commerce, and an increase to that extent in manufactures, so that there are only three in one hundred more mouths now to help the farmers consume, than there were twenty years ago; and how long will it take, at this rate, to eat up the surplus produce? Hence we see that, even if an exclusive home

market were profitable to the manufacturer, it is death to the farmer.

Nor will it do to say that we can have free trade with Europe in grain and still keep her out of our markets; because she can't buy of us, if we won't buy of her, and the farmer's produce must rot here, and the millions in Europe starve, unless it can be paid for in some of the products of European industry.

And thus we see the enormous extent to the demand the protectionists make, when they insist upon a 'home market' at such cost.

Here is a little table of statistics which fairly minded men ought to look at, when they hear the cry of 'protection' and 'home market.'

From 1821 to 1841 the whole imports into the United States amounted to \$2,214,253,719. The gross duties taxed on them were \$36,346,166.

So that, in addition to the cost of the articles landed here, the people who consumed them paid one quarter more on this portion of what they consumed. If this were for revenue to pay expenses of government, it was all well enough.

But it is also estimated from the best data that, during that period, the amount of domestic manufactures was three times the amount imported, making the whole amount of domestic and imported in twenty years \$8,577,034,786. Now the lowest estimate that can be made of the enormous price of articles by reason of the tax upon their importations, is one half of the tax to be added to the cost. It follows, then, that in twenty years the farmers and other interests have paid the manufacturers, by way of protection, \$1,072,144,071, which is a tax of \$23,607,295 per annum.

This is the secret of the depression of the agricultural states under high tariffs; and now ought the latter to complain if there is more equalization between them, under the tariff?

But in point of fact the manufacturer will gain in the long run, because if he sells cheaper, he will sell more and make more, for the reason that the agricultural section, which are his great home market, will be able to buy more and pay for what they buy, and the demand for manufactures will increase.

In addition to this, the merchant and shipper and ship builder, and all the mechanical, and other interests connected with commerce, are to derive immense benefits from the effects of these reciprocal tariffs. Mr. Webster admitted in the U. S. senate that there will be forty millions more to be sent to Europe, and forty millions more to be sent to Europe; and if so, here is the vast field opened for commerce and ship building; and is that nothing in the estimate of national wealth and national prosperity?

The summing up is just this. The census gives 781,000 manufacturers in the U. S. They cry out against the new tariff, though it still protects them nearly fifty per cent. But there are 3,700,000 farmers, and 196,600 persons engaged in commerce; and now shall these be over-taxed for the smallest class as under the old tariff, or shall they have the profits of the free commerce which will go to enrich them and still leave the manufacturer well enough off under the new tariff?

LATER FROM OUR SQUADRONS IN THE GULF AND ON THE PACIFIC.

Extract of a letter from Commodore Conner to the Secretary of the Navy:

"U. S. SHIP COLUMBIAN."

"Off Vera Cruz, October 17, 1840."

"It is with feelings of deep mortification that I apprise the department of the failure of another attempt to enter the river of Alvarado."

"On the morning of the 15th, a little after sunrise, I reached the entrance of that river, with the steamer Vixen, the three gunboat, the prize schooner Nomata, mounting four guns, and the revenue vessels, schooner Forward and steamer McLane, accompanied by the Mississippi, Commodore Perry. It was intended the latter should cannonade the battery, while the small vessels crossed the bar. It was found, however, she could not approach near enough to make any impression on the work with her shells. This battery mounted seven guns, and immediately behind it, on an elevated knoll, was a platform, on which was a mounted pivot-gun. Knowing the small power of the steamers on which I depended to tow the small vessels over the bar, and to assist them. For this purpose, I delayed moving until nearly two o'clock, but seeing no prospect of the usual sea-breeze setting in, I determined to proceed. The first division, composed of the Reeler and Bonita, in tow of the Vixen, got under way, and was followed by the second division, consisting of the Nomata, Forward, and Perry, towed by the McLane. As they approached the bar, the current became stronger, causing the steamers to steer badly, and lessening their progress to not more than a mile or a mile and a half the hour."

"The first division continued to advance steadily, and had been some time engaged with the battery, when I had the mortification to see the McLane aground on the bar, and the vessels she had in tow, foul of each other, in greatest disorder."

"As it was evident no support could be expected from the second division for some time, if at all, and as the three vessels composing the first, were wholly inadequate to prosecute the attack, even if they could pass the battery, with which we were engaged, I was constrained to order the Vixen to be put about, and repass the bar."

"It may be as well to observe here, that besides the battery at the entrance of the river, there is another at the town, one and a half miles distant, of three guns, with two brigs each mounting nine guns, a schooner of seven guns, and two gunboats, each carrying a long 24-pounder—all so disposed as to command the channel. By the time the Vixen joined her, the McLane was again aground, without having sustained any material injury. It was obvious, however, her draft (ten feet two inches) was too great to pass the bar in its present state. Generally, there are from thirteen to fifteen feet on it, and my informant led me to believe I should find that depth now, but the late floods have probably lessened it as on rounding, previously to entering, there were barely twelve feet. The Vixen struck twice

in going over, though drawing only seven feet. The current was also stronger in the river than I expected, and even if she could pass the bar, I felt convinced the power of the McLane was inadequate to make head against it with any vessel in tow. These considerations—and the day being far spent—induced me, however, much against my inclination, to abandon any further attempt at present to enter the river."

"Except for a short time, from early in the spring to the commencement of the rainy season, no one, not acquainted with them, can have any conception of the difficulties attending naval operations on this coast. The north winds, during the winter months, are sudden and violent, accompanied by high seas and strong currents. No judgment can be formed as to what moment they may commence. Under such circumstances an opinion may be easily formed of the difficulty of landing a body of men on the open coast, and also of the danger from the elements attending it."

"I am, very respectfully,

"Your obedient servant,

"D. CONNER,

"Commanding Home Squadron.

Hon. JOHN Y. MASON,

"Secretary of the Navy, Washington."

FROM THE PACIFIC.

Accounts from the Pacific of August 22, afford us some interesting particulars:

On the 23rd of July, Commodore Stockton assumed command of the United States naval forces on the west coast of Mexico. On the 25th the "Cyane," with the "California" company of mounted riflemen, under Col. Fremont, sailed from Monterey for San Diego, that they might be landed southward of the Mexican forces, amounting to 500 men, under Gen. Castro and Gen. Pico, who were well fortified at the camp of the Mesa, three miles from the "city of the Angels." A few days after, Commodore Stockton, in the "Congress," sailed for San Pedro, where he landed with his gallant sailor army, and marched directly for the redoubtable "camp of the Mesa." When he had come within 12 miles of the camp, Gen. Castro broke ground and ran for the city of Mexico. The governor of the territory, and the other principal officers, separated in different parties; and on the 13th August, having been joined by Col. Fremont and 80 riflemen, and by Mr. Larkin, late American consul, the commodore entered the famous "Ciudad de los Angeles," the capital of the Californias and took quiet possession of the government-house. Most of the principal officers were subsequently taken.

An American force then chased the Mexican army more than 300 miles along the coast; pursued them 30 miles in the interior of their country; routed and dispersed them, and secured quiet possession of their territory. The "Congress" was to sail in a few days on a cruise for the protection of our commerce, and the remaining vessels of the squadron were to be disposed with a view to the same object, so far as they could be spared from the blockade of the southern coast.

The President's proclamation, and the congressional proceedings in reference to the war, were first received by Commodore Stockton (in a Mexican account) on the 10th of August by the United States ship Warren, from Mazatlan. The flag of the United States is now flying from every commanding position in the territory of California.

The patriotism and courage of the men who accompanied the commodore on his expedition after Castro, are spoken of in the highest terms. Their march was trying and hazardous, perhaps longer than has ever been made in the interior of a country by sailors after an enemy.

From the Boston Times.

LATER FROM MEXICO.

From the *Millions of Dollars by Santa Anna, taken in 1840*—English capitalists—under the authority of the *United States*—have been in the habit of sending large sums of money to Mexico, to be used by Santa Anna.

New York, Sept. 10, 1840.

We have received some interesting intelligence from Mexico, and from Santa Anna's accounts that Santa Anna has secured the sum of Ten Millions of dollars, which was intended for the English capitalists. The money was on its way to Tanguay for shipment on board the *St. Mary*, when it was seized.

Another revolutionary attempt has been made in the city of Mexico by a party in favor of annexation to the United States. There was a general attack on the streets and the city was addressed by President Salas, and in course of time they became quiet. Very serious discussions existed in the Mexican Congress, on the subject of Santa Anna.

New York, Sept. 10, 1840.

MORE PARTICULARS.

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By an account of New Orleans, from Vera Cruz, we have news from Mexico up to the 22nd. The Mexican newspapers tell very much against us, and cry for war to the hilt. Some dissensions among the Mexican Cabinet appear at the capital. Monarchists are again going, while the Republicans are apparently at a stand what to do in the present emergency of the country. Santa Anna had arrived at San Luis Potosi on the 20th. On his route he seized two millions of specie, secretly returning to the Conductor, at the time of the danger of passing through the country in these times, and gave him receipt for the money.

Two mails from the United States, with communications from the Secretary of War to Gen. Taylor, were captured by General Ampudia, embracing the plans of the future movements of our army in Mexico. The plans of our campaign obtained from this source, were published at length in the Mexican Journals. In consequence of these disclosures, the government was sending a large military force into Vera Cruz in expectation of an attack on that place. They are also greatly rejoicing over our failure in the attack on Alvarado.

The Boston Post of Friday last says: "We regret to state that the venerable John Quincy Adams fell in the street yesterday, under a sudden attack of indisposition; he was carried to his own residence on an couching, previously to entering, there, Mount Vernon street. Toward the close of the day he had somewhat recovered."

At a meeting of the Hon. George, and J.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 24, 1846.

"The Union—it must be preserved."

THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

Though discouraging enough, give no cause for desponding to the friends of the Administration. The great issues between the two parties have not been brought to bear in the contest, and in no one State have we evidence of national questions determining the result. Had this been the case, the issue must have been otherwise. What measure, what cause can be assigned for the administration losing caste? The independent treasury, in its operations, has done no injury to the people—no detriment to the government—no injustice to the banks. The tariff, in its prospective operations, has completely falsified all the predictions of its enemies. Instead of ruin and distress, we have prosperity and plenty. Manufactures, though their profits have been lessened, find no cause for railing, but, on the other hand, are expanding their operations. Specie, instead of being sent abroad, is, by the impulse given to the farming interest, being imported into our country. All classes and all trades are prosperous, money is abundant, and the whole country is on the high road to prosperity. What, then, can be assigned for our defeat? It is nothing more or less than apathy on the part of our friends, personal dissension among aspirants for office, and local State questions, which are in no wise connected with national politics. Looking over the whole ground, taking into consideration all the causes which have led to our apparent defeat, we can find no cause for desponding. Those who are at the head of our government are pursuing the straight line of duty. No administration has ever more anxiously or efficiently served the country, than the present; has more boldly pursued the road of principle; adopted more valuable measures; served the people with more energy and effect; more faithfully promoted the honor and rights of the nation in regard to all foreign nations, and its solid interests at home; and none is more entitled to the confidence of a free people. That the administration will maintain this confidence we have not one shadow of doubt. Temporary dissension may operate against us here, abolition there, anti-rentism, nativism, all co-operating with Federalism; elsewhere, but we will and must succeed. The people of this country are Democratic in principle, theory, and interest. When the simple alternative of Democracy on the one hand, and Federalism on the other, is presented, they will declare in favor of the former. They have done so heretofore, and never, we conceive, has the republican party been so firmly planted on the great principles of the constitution as they are at this moment. We have faith in our principles, and an abiding confidence in the discernment of the people. They will put all right, and the ship of state will continue to move onward in its glorious career.

REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS.

Elections were affected in the following districts a week ago yesterday: Democrats.—Harper and Gray, Jacob Clark, Leeds and Wayne, Thomas W. Brigham, Hartford, Canton and Peru, Sumner R. Newell; Eastern and Garland, William Palmer, (gan); Hope and Seaman, John Moody; Unity, Burnham and Knox, Jas. Wood; Kingsfield, Strong, &c., Addison Robinson; Belmont, Brooks and Waldo, reported a Democrat; Raymond, Casco and Ouside, Samuel S. Brown. 2. Whigs.—St. Albans, Harmony, &c., Jacob V. Herick; Lewiston and Lisbon, Stephen Davis. 3. Abolitionists.—Farmington and Temple, Peter H. Tutts; Bridgton and Harris, Lathrop Lewis. 2, both gains.

The Democrats have lost two and gained one. The abolitionists have lost one and gained two.

No choice in Brunswick and Edgemoor; Readfield and Fayette; Chatham and Sebasticook; Livermore, &c.; Dixfield, &c.; Andover, &c.; Snowhegan, &c.; Hampden and Carmel; Lebanon and Sanford; Orono and Brewer; Wilton and Chesterville.

Not heard from—Cranich, Limerick, &c.; Bethel, &c.; Dover, &c.; Kilmackno, &c.; Penobscot and Castine. The last class was reported to have elected a Democrat at the last previous trial, but we learn from the Age that such was not the fact.

The House now stands 66 Democrats—54 Whigs—7 Abolitionists, and the member from Aroostook.

The Federal papers are making a great parade of a parade of States which they claim to be Federal.

Among these States Maine is made to occupy a very conspicuous position. This is premature, gentlemen. Maine is not yet a State.

A young man belonging to Pittsford, Me., eloped a week ago last Sunday with a girl but fourteen years of age, belonging to Hallowell. He is of dark complexion, and about 5 feet 10 inches high. The girl has a scar in the form of a half moon on one cheek. Besides the girl she fellow stole a horse and buggy.

DEER DISTRESS.—The Argus says that an agent has been into the county of Franklin "drumming up" guide to go to work in the Lowell factories. This agent has one dollar a head for every girl that he sends on. There seems to be great distress in the factories at present, but not of the kind the panic makers pretend. It is a distress created by a press of work beyond the ability of the operatives engaged to perform—a distress for girls, and not from failure of business.

A correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune, writing from Mexico, says:—These Mexicans are really not equal to our Indians in music or religion, and I believe are deemed like them to give place to a purer and a better race."

At a meeting of the Directors of the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company, recently held at Bath, Hon. George Evans, of Gardiner, was chosen President, and John McKeen, of Brunswick, Treasurer.

ELECTION RESULTS.

We copy from the Age the results of the last September election for County officers, so far as that paper has been able to obtain the results of the examination now being made by the Governor and Council. Senators.—Oxford, 3—Waldo 3—Aroostook, 1—Washington 1—8 Democrats. Kennebec, 3—Feds. No choice in the other districts.

County Attorneys.—Cumberland, Horatio J. Sawyer. Lincoln, no choice. Hancock, Arno Wiswell. Somerset, Ebenezer Hutchinson. Aroostook, Isaac W. Tabor.

Clerks of the Courts.—Lincoln, Edward B. Bowman. Hancock, no choice. Somerset, no choice. Penobscot, William T. Hilliard. Piscataquis, no choice.

County Commissioners.—Oxford, John Reed. York, no choice. Cumberland, no choice. Lincoln, no choice. 3 vacancies. Hancock, no choice, 2 vacancies. Washington, no choice. Kennebec, Daniel Marston. Somerset, no choice, 3 vacancies. Penobscot, no choice. Waldo, Alvah Marden. Piscataquis, John Elliot, 2 vacancies. Franklin, no choice. Aroostook, Jonas Drury.

Representatives to Congress.—First district.—David Hammons. Second district, no choice. Third district, Hiram Belcher. Fourth district, no choice; whole number of votes, 12,319; John D. McCrate had 5,089; Freeman H. Morse, 5,645; Zory Robinson, 871; scattering, 714. Fifth district, no choice. Sixth district, no choice. Seventh district, Ezekiah Williams.

BANK OF EXCHANGE.—The London Morning Post of the 2d inst., states a loss of bullion, says the Boston Post, by the bank of England to the amount of one million and a half in the preceding four weeks. Fears were entertained that a constant decrease in the stock of bullion would ensue upon purchase of bread stuffs in America as exchanges were against England.

The Emperor of Russia has done a good thing, and that is, he has condemned a rich Russian General at Warsaw, who imposed upon the daughter of a Polish nobleman by a false marriage, to give her all his property, and dismissed him from office.

A correspondent of the Baltimore American relates the following incident of the capitulation of Monterey:—

"The bearer of the flag of truce proposed a surrender of the town, allowing them to remove all the public property; Gen. Taylor asked an unconditional surrender of everything; quite a difference. They had from 8 to 12 o'clock to answer. At 12 they sent for Gen. Taylor. After exhausting his patience with diplomacy, and Ampudia had declared he was in no way straightened to submission, Gen. Taylor said:—'Sir, hold your own, yourself, and your army, in the hollow of my hand, and you know it; the conference is closed. I have but to leave the room; Ampudia called him back and submitted. This was told me in person by Gen. Taylor, and is strictly true, of course.'"

The City of New York.—The following are the places of rendezvous for the nine regiments called for in yesterday's order by the secretary of war:—

States. One regiment from Louisiana, New Orleans. Massachusetts, New Orleans. South Carolina, Charleston. North Carolina, Wilmington. Virginia, Alexandria. Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh. New York, City of N. Y. Massachusetts, Boston.

Texas. The governor is authorized to designate the place of rendezvous and to report the same to Gen. Taylor.

The troops are to serve during the war, and are estimated to amount to from 5000 to 7000.—[Union]

CAMP ON THE RIO GRANDE, 11th October, 1846.—The advance of the army under Gen. Wool arrived here day before yesterday. We made the distance, 157 miles, in eleven marching days, through prairie country, with a burning sun. The advance consisted of Major Banneville's command of three companies of the 1st Infantry and one company of Kentucky volunteers; two companies of Illinois volunteers under command of Major H. L. Webb; the flying artillery under Capt. Washington; two regiments of dragoons under Col. Henry; two companies of the 1st regiment of Illinois volunteers under Captain Morgan; and Col. Taylor's regiment of Arkansas mounted men—together with a train of about 500 wagons, each drawn by six mules. Not a man was lost or hurt on the road, and not a wagon or mule was lost.

To day our general takes formal possession of the town of El Paso, and will move on towards Monclova in three or four days, so as to be in striking distance of Gen. Taylor, should he require our services. The two regiments of Illinois volunteers are yet back. The first, under Col. Hardin, will probably arrive to-morrow; the other will not be here for ten days. The river at this place is about 300 yards wide, and very rapid and turbulent. The Mississippi or Missouri. The whole train and the remainder of the troops will cross this river by boats brought on in wagons, which we are now putting together.

Gen. Wool deserves much credit for his untiring industry and perseverance. He is a brave and patriotic man, but just and impartial to all. All the army are pleased with him.—[N. Y. Courier]

THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY.—Letters from Constantinople speak of a victory North American ambassador has obtained in that city. Dr. Schmidt, an American missionary at Latakia, was lately treated in a very improper manner. Mr. Carr, Charge d'Affaires of the United States at the Porte, addressed a very energetic note to the Divan, and demanded, very categorically, and with a threat of North American cannon, immediate indemnification and satisfaction for this American citizen. The Porte seemed to have no mind to become acquainted in this manner with the American men of war, and ordered the Pacha of Erzerum immediately to pay to Dr. Schmidt the required indemnity of 2230 sterling, and to put in prison twelve of the rascals who had so ill treated the missionary. Brother Jonathan has learned from his elder brother John Bull, how such matters are most easily settled.—[Wallace & Smith's European Times.]

SUBSTITUTION.—The constitution of the United States names the 4th of March for the inauguration of the president. Upon expressing doubts as to what course would be adopted, should the 4th of March fall on a Sunday, it was ascertained that it would not fall on Sunday 1: three hundred years; that it is to say, the 4th of March every fourth year. If it did, however, the inauguration would take place on that day.

ELECTIONS.

New York.—The official vote on the new constitution in 56 counties is—

Yes 295,249
No 79,339

Majority for 215,910

Majority against free suffrage same counties 135,836.

Three counties to be heard from.

Missouri.—The Legislature met on the 15th. The Democrats have 13 majority in the senate, and 54 majority in the house.

Frontina.—Before the election, Mr. Cabell, the whig chosen to congress, issued a circular, in which he made the following declaration, and it no doubt contributed to his election:—

"I have been surprised to hear a doubt expressed as to the manner I shall vote if elected to congress, in event of the election of president of the United States, devolving on the house of representatives. Most unquestionably I shall vote for that candidate for whom the electoral vote of the State may be cast in 1848. I would hold a representative barely recent to his trust who would not otherwise, and misrepresent his constituents and defeat their will in a matter of such moment."

It is known that the legislature of Florida is democratic, as are a majority of the people on a full vote.

Iowa.—The Capital Reporter, which elects the democratic governor and congressmen, gives to the senate 12 democrats and 7 whigs; to the house 19 democrats and 20 whigs.

The Monthly Advertiser, by Andrew J. Allen, Esq., has been published for November. Our limits to-day will not allow us to indulge in very copious extracts from this unique sheet, but we cannot omit to copy the following remarks of Mr. Allen on butler:

"It is important to keep cats, tongues and spoons away from cream, in order to have good butter."

Again—Allen on checked aprons:—

"In 1775 it was quite fashionable for young ladies to wear checked aprons; but since those useful and economical aprons have gone out of fashion, housekeeping is considerably neglected."

Mr. Allen asks, with the anxiety of "a whole benevolent society":—

"When will wisdom take the place of folly? Economy take the place of extravagance? Industry and respectability take the place of indolence?"

It is impossible to say—but not for some weeks, probably.

Allen on good feelings:—

"What has become of the patriotic feelings that the good mothers of 1775 handed over to their daughters? Is it to be maintained, or has the ladies in America grown so proud that they will not encourage the goods manufactured by the daughters of our own American farmers?"

Perinent questions—answer, daughters who "has" had feelings handed over to you by your mothers—Has "you lost 'em"—Boston Post.

The whigs have nominated three members of Congress for New Hampshire, every one of whom is of old Federal stock.—Boston Post.

And what is more, every one of them now advocates old Federal doctrine, according to the last war creed—though Messrs. Wilson and Eastman were good enough Taylor men to hold office in 1843.—[Hill's N. Patriot.]

The whigs of New Hampshire have a great horror of lawyers, and have therefore nominated three lawyers and one merchant for congress.

A chemist at Berlin is said to have manufactured, upon the process of Professor Schonbein of Basle, an electrical paper the property of which is much more explosive than that of cotton.

Mr. H. Hastings Weld, formerly editor of the Pearl and Galaxy, of Boston, has taken orders in the Episcopal Church. He was admitted to the holy order of Deacons by Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, in Philadelphia, a few days since.

The "Maine Enquirer," an excellent democratic paper, published at Bath, has passed wholly into the hands of Mr. J. T. Gilman, who has proved himself a good writer, and an earnest advocate of sound principles.—The paper receives a new name with a new dress.—"Eastern Times and Maine Enquirer." The democracy of this section should not have the sin to lay to them, which is too frequent elsewhere, of neglecting to give an adequate support to the democratic paper of their section.

Commander Nicholson died at Washington of apoplexy, a few days since, aged 63. He was a printer by profession until entering the Navy in 1801. He was distinguished by his coolness and bravery in several actions.

There are no less than seven editors elected to the Massachusetts Legislature.

Congress meets on Monday the 7th of December, and adjourns on the 4th of March.

Reason and Justice.—No. G.

"I had thought all along that Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills were a patent medicine. Why don't you get it patented? You know the proposed law requires to give more than to allow the certificate of the patentee." Words and words, and more of it! The patent requires that the inventor shall furnish a specification which must clearly get forth the nature and principle of the discovery so as to enable a competent person to make or perform the invention. This specification is recorded in the government archives, to which the public have access. Would not the procuring of a patent be "jumping out of the frying pan into the fire?" To publish the recipe on each box of pills would be to "give Dick and Harry" would not only learn the recipe, but the secret process of compounding the ingredients. Very few, indeed, derive benefit from patents. The inventor in a general way takes out of the hands of the inventor a bundle of money, and then, without having been paid a single cent in them. Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills have never been patented, and never will be.

The truth, then, in relation to the proposed law, appears to be this:—There are several valuable proprietary medicines, among them

Wright's celebrated Indian Vegetable Pills, which have become so popular as to seriously affect the doctors and apothecaries' craft. They, anxious to have prevented the passage of the above law, whereby they hope to obtain the secret recipe for their own use, or drive the medicine from the State. Now either they publish the recipe we accept the demerit, or they will not do so, and their medicine will be lost. The simple supply of the above law, therefore, is not to be long that the opportunity will be afforded to the State of Maine. The amateur intentions of designing men will thus for a time be defeated. The medicine, it is said, by THOMAS CROCKER, Paris.

CAUTION.

In setting forth the virtues of Dr. Wistar's Balsam, we have no desire to deceive those who are laboring under affliction, nor do we wish to encourage it more than it deserves. Yet when we look around and see the vast amount of suffering and distress occasioned by many of the diseases in which this medicine has proved so highly successful, we feel that we cannot urge its claims too strongly, or say too much in its favor.

Let the public be on their guard. Other "Balsams" and mixtures are sometimes imposed on the unsuspecting for the genuine.

Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry.

Some, for the purpose of succeeding better in their schemes, have used a part of the name of the genuine, as "Phoenix Balsam of Wild Cherry," "Balsam of Wild Cherry, Comfrey, &c.," "Syrup of Wild Cherry," &c. None genuine without the written signature of I. BULL.

In Bath, 5th inst. Alfred Redington, Esq. of Augusta, Adjutant General of this State, to Miss Lucy C. young daughter of the late James Kimball, Esq. of Newburyport.

In Leeds, James D. Gilbert of Turner, to Miss Adeline Curtis; Wm G. Knapp to Miss Cynthia A. Ripley.

In Boston, 15th inst. Mr. Wm Ryan of Boston, to Miss Laurantine Stone, of Bridgton, Me.

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DIED.

In Norway, 17th inst. Mrs. Jane M. wife of Stephen Greenleaf, Jr. Esq. aged 22 years.

In Rome, Oct. 5th, Levi Whitcomb, son of Orville and Solomon Tracy, aged 7 years.

In Bridgton, Capt. John Willett, formerly of Mass. aged 73 years.

In Nobleboro, Mr. Andrew Knowlton, aged 95 years, the last of the revolutionary pensioners in N.

In Durham, Mr. Edmund Fendergrass, a soldier of the Revolution, aged 85 years.

Sheriff's Sale.

OXFORD, ss: NOTICE is hereby given that I have attached and taken on Execution, and shall sell at

PUBLIC VENDUE.

on Saturday, the twenty-third day of January A. D. 1847, at one of the clock in the afternoon, at the Store of William Hutchins in Lovell, in the County of Oxford, all the right in equity which Isaac S. Andrews, of said Lovell, has to redeem, and all the right, title and interest which said Isaac has in and to Lot of land numbered Forty in said Lovell, situated near the buildings where said Isaac now lives; the same having been mortgaged by Moses Hutchins, Jr., to John Wood, as will appear by the Registry of Deeds at Fryeburg in said County;—the said Andrews having become the owner or assignee of the said Hutchins' interest therein.

JOHN C. GERRY, Deputy Sheriff.

Waterford, November 16, 1846.

NEW GOODS.

Charles H. Crocker,

WOULD inform his friends and the public generally that he has just received from Boston and New York a large and valuable assortment of goods for sale (at the old prices) formerly occupied by his father, on the most reasonable terms for Cash, country produce, or short approved credit, a prime assortment of

Fall and Winter Goods,

consisting, in part, of new and fashionable styles of PRINTS, ALPACAS, DE LAINES, LINSEYS, FLAIDS, &c.

BROADCLOTHS, COTTEES, PLAIN AND FANCY CASSIMERES, SATINETS AND VESTINGS.

Together with a first rate stock of Groceries, Hard Ware, Cutlery, Crockery and Glass Ware.

—ALSO—

A general assortment of

Drugs, Medicines, and Dye Stuffs.

Purchasers are respectfully invited to call and examine the quality of Goods for themselves.

Paris, Oct. 26, 1846.

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WANTED.

BY the Subscriber, in exchange for goods, for which the highest price will be paid,

1000 bushels of CORN,

1000 do WHEAT,

2000 do OATS,

200 do WHITE BEANS.

—ALSO—

SHINGLES and CLAPBOARDS.

Paris, November 2, 1846.

C. H. CROCKER.

CASTLES.

FOR DRESSES—a prime assortment just received by

Paris, Oct. 26, 1846.

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Boots and Shoes.

THICK and THIN, for sale by the subscriber. Also, SOLE and UPPER LEATHER

Paris, Oct. 26, 1846.

C. H. CROCKER.

Hats and Caps.

A good assortment of Hats Caps for sale by the subscriber, for Cash. Call and examine

Paris, Oct. 26, 1846.

C. H. CROCKER.

Cotton Warp.

A large assortment of Cotton Warp, cheap for Cash, for sale by

Paris, Oct. 26, 1846.

C. H. CROCKER.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following Lgs. to wit,

One Pine log, marked, VI P

Four Pine logs, marked, X D P

Two Pine logs, marked, P

Three Pine logs, marked, P VI

One Pine log, marked, J R

Two Pine logs, marked, XX

One Pine log, marked, X D

One Pine log and one Spruce log, with marks on them,

have been carried by freighter, or otherwise, beyond the land of the subscriber, adjoining the waters of South River in the town of Rumford, County of Oxford and State of Maine, and said logs were found lodged upon the land of the subscriber, as of record about the twenty-fifth day of November in the year 1845; and said logs were lodged at an advanced season during the months of October and November in the year 1845; and during the time and logs have remained upon said land of the subscriber, and land has been improved.

November 7, 1846.

OSGOOD VIRGIN.

The subscriber hereby gives public notice to all persons that he has been appointed and taken upon himself the duty of Administrator of the estate of

SAMUEL W. INGALLS.

late of Hallowell, in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs.—She therefore requests all persons who are in debt to the said deceased's estate, to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands against the same to exhibit the same to

August 25, 1846

ANNA INGALLS.

NEW GOODS!!

HUBBARD & STEVENS.

WOULD inform their friends and the public generally that they have taken the Store formerly occupied by Francis Davis on Paris Hill, where they will constantly keep on hand a good assortment of goods such as are usually found in country Stores, and which they will sell at very low prices. By strict attention to their business they hope to obtain a share of public patronage. Please call and examine the Stock before purchasing elsewhere.

Oct. 19, 1846.

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Silver Spoon Manufactory.

BANKS & HATCH.

NO. 72, EXCHANGE STREET.

Portland.

HAVE constantly on hand, of their own manufacture, an extensive assortment of SILVER TEA & TABLE, DESSERT, SUGAR, MUSTARD AND SALT SPOONS, which are warranted to be of the very best quality. Purchasers from the country are respectfully invited to call and examine. Also for sale at the lowest prices—

Gold & Silver Lenses, Lenses and common Watches, Gold Finger Rings, Breast Pins, Bracelets, Pens and Pencils, Britannia Ware, Pocket Cutlery, Plated Spoons, Butter Knives, Pocket Books, Purses and Purse Trimmings, Card Cases, Silver Thimbles, do. Pencils, Silver, Shell & Horn & Ivory Combs, Spectacles, for all ages in Gold, Silver, and common Metals, Silver nursing tubes; Dress & common Hair Brushes; Perfumery, &c., &c., &c., &c.

—ALSO—

Mathematical Instruments, Surveyors' Compasses; Pocket do.; Protractors; Dividers, &c. &c. &c.

N. B. The following articles are required in the most careful manner: WATCHES & JEWELRY—SURVEYORS' COMPASSES, CHAINS & INSTRUMENTS—SPECTACLES.

SILVER SPOONS manufactured to order.

September 1, 1846.

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Notice.

THIS certifies that I, the subscriber, in consideration of fifty dollars paid me by DAVID C. FRANCIS, my son, have sold him the remainder of his time, during his minority, and hereby notify all whom it shall concern that I will pay none of his debts or claim any of his wages or earnings after this date.

